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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Michael G. Kahn et al.**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the subject patent application as follows.

In the Title:

Please REPLACE "CLINICAL TRIAL PROTOCOL QUALITY USING A MODEL-BASED METHODOLOGY" with the following new title: **-PROTOCOL DISAMBIGUATION USING A MODEL-BASED METHODOLOGY-**.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-50 are pending in the subject application. Applicants submit that all claims in the application are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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